

ABSTRACT

A method of collecting a copyright fee relating to a document when a user obtains, via coded data disposed on a surface, the document, the method including, in a computer system, the steps of: recording at least one copyright ownership relating to at least one portion of the document; receiving, from a sensing device, indicating data indicative of a request for the document, the sensing device, when placed in an operative position relative to the surface, generating the indicating data using at least some of the coded data; identifying, from the indicating data, the request for the document; providing the document to the user; determining the copyright fee from the at least one copyright ownership; and debiting a user account associated with the user in the amount of the copyright fee.

(Figure 44)